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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims and abstract prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

N.E. SEE SUB SPEC(A)

A substitute specification and marked-up copy thereof is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel all of the claims presently in the application and substitute new claims 8-42 as follows:

8. (new) Brush sealing ring for use as a sealing element between components which can move relative to one another, in particular between a rotor and a stator as an element which is fixed to the stator, having an annular housing and having a multiplicity of aramid fiber-based bristles which are attached within the housing and protrude radially or axially out of the contour of the housing and whose free end faces form tangents with an imaginary, rotationally symmetrical or planar face, the